



## ANDREWS INTERNATIONAL HOLLYWOOD/SUNSET BID PATROL

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### **SUMMARY FOR 2-11-13 THROUGH 3-10-13**

This report takes us through week 10 of 2013. We have been given new and varied challenges to face this year as the BID Boards ponder our proper role in most efficiently meeting the needs of our various clients. Main issues are higher visibility and extending our hours later into the evening.

We started the year with a major push to increase visibility by getting our Officers out of their SUV's and onto foot patrols. We greatly increased our presence until we were tasked to stay out until 10:00 P.M. on a thirteen week trial basis. This put a strain on our foot patrols as we were forced to cover more hours and thus had less manpower available.

We largely mitigated this dilemma by launching our Unarmed Officer Program. We now have two Officer teams walking foot beats six days a week. These teams are calling us when they see violations of law as well as contacting businesses and tourists. We have seen our citizen contacts increase by 1159 over this time last year.

We have also been documenting our efforts working the later hours. This data will be provided to the Board for their evaluation.

### **EVENTS OF INTEREST:**

#### **Mini Crime Wave:**

On 2-11-13, our Officers contacted Parolee Stuart at the 7-11 Store located on Cahuenga. The employee had caught him stealing a soda. The employee declined to prosecute. Our officers watched as Stuart entered the Yucca Market. As he exited, the manager came out saying that Stuart had stolen a bottle of wine which he had concealed in the inner pocket of his coat. This manager also refused to prosecute.

Our Officers followed Stuart who then went to Hollywood Top Souvenirs located at 6435 Hollywood Blvd. They approached him when he exited and he dropped a shot glass to the ground. He had just stolen it. The employee refused to prosecute. Our guys hailed down a passing LAPD Unit who stopped and ran Stuart for warrants. He was then sent on his theft strewn way.



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On 2-13-13, we received a radio call regarding a theft suspect at the Trader Joes located at 1600 N. Vine. Security Officer Gabriela said that Carol had stolen eight items and hidden them in her purse. When told she was being placed under arrest, she fell to the floor claiming to be having a heart attack. She was taken to the hospital by Paramedics and store staff recovered \$85.00 worth of merchandise.

On 2-16-13, we received a call of two disgruntled customers in the lobby of the Vagabond Inn located at 1133 Vine Street. Someone threw a rock at their room window, breaking it, at about 2:00 A.M. This event totally destroyed the night's ambience and the couple got neither sleep nor the romantic encounter they had anticipated. They thusly, and in my opinion not undeservedly, demanded a refund. The clerk, Raj, said that wasn't going to happen. A penny collected is a penny kept. The event is actually a civil matter and we advised all the parties to pursue the case in Small Claims Court.

On 2-18-13, the Guides spoke to Jeff who is a 25 year employee of the Larry Edmonds Bookstore located at 6644 Hollywood Blvd. He said that he was very happy with the BID Patrol and said they have been helpful removing loiterers and panhandlers from the location.

The Guides conducted a business check at the Hollywood Wax Museum located at 6767 Hollywood Blvd. Whitney who works the front counter expressed how excited she is to have the BID Patrol and guides around. She asked them to extend her appreciation to the BID Patrol and was happy with the rapid response she gets.

On 2-18-13, Sgt. McCall was at Carlos and Tamarind. A man with a sharpened chopstick was threatening an LAPD Officer. The man refused commands to drop the weapon. He kept holding it towards the Officer. McCall then un-holstered his Taser and again warned the man to drop the weapon. After several commands, he finally complied and was taken into custody by LAPD Officer Sevalian.

We first deployed the Tasers on 10-18-10. Our Supervisors carry them in the field. Since that time we have made 2887 arrests, handled 9956 radio calls for service and contacted 32,508 people. We have un-holstered the Taser on 11 occasions and actually used it twice. I believe this is a great record of restraint.



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On 2-20-13, I attended a meeting at My Friend's Place along with Kerry Morrison, Joe Mariani, Heather of MFP, LAPD SLO Paula Davidson and neighboring property owner Kevin. We were trying to reach common ground and do some problem solving.

On 2-21-13, our Officers were walking a foot patrol through the alley to the rear of 1620 Cahuenga. Couture owner Dave Stratton thanked our Officers for their efforts and advised on a planned St. Patrick's Day Crawl on 3-17-13.

On 3-7-13, we received a radio call of a transient sleeping in the alcove in front of the Artesian Patio located at 6731 Hollywood Blvd. We convinced Carl Hanson to move along. The caller and owner of the property, Mr. Epstein, then approached our Officers. They spoke about security issues and general topics. Mr. Epstein was cordial and expressed his appreciation with BID Security.

I believe that this encounter is illustrative of the culture we pursue. Mr. Epstein started out as a rather harsh critic of the BID and BID Security. We listened to his concerns and

rapidly responded. The attention we paid and the results achieved made a believer out of this client. We strive to replicate this scenario as our standard operating procedure.

### **MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

- 1) 2-12-13 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 2) 2-14-13 BID Joint Security Meeting
- 3) 2-14-13 LAPD Officers in BID Briefing
- 4) 2-19-13 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 5) 2-20-13 My Friends Place-Property Owner Meeting
- 6) 2-21-13 HBID Board Meeting -2012 Power point
- 7) 2-26-13 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 8) 3-1-13 Hollywood 4WRD Outreach Retreat
- 9) 3-5-13 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 10) 3-8-13 Deployment and Budget BID Meeting

### **OUTREACH:**

On 2-14-13, Officers Mooney and Google contacted the homeless Darby. They had met him the prior week and had given him outreach information. Darby said that he had started the process to join the Army. He thanked Officer Mooney for taking the time to advise and assist him.



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On 2-16-13, at 8:00 A.M., we received a radio call of a man refusing to leave the LA Film School located at 6363 Sunset Blvd. The man was 21 year old Timothy. We were told he was trying to enter the location during the previous night and had assaulted a guard. We asked him to leave. We soon received another call at 8:15 A.M. stating that Timothy had returned. He refused to leave and was placed under arrest for trespass. He was cited out by the LAPD.

At 10:50 A.M., we received a call from Walgreens located at 1501 Vine regarding a hostile man refusing to leave. Upon arrival, we saw that it was Timothy again. He had been in the store for over an hour and told employees to 'F off' when they asked if he needed help. He finally left under threat of another arrest.

At 4:05 P.M., we received a call to meet the parents of Timothy who were at the LA Film School. They said they were from Oakland. They said their son was missing and that they had been searching for him all day long.

We received yet another call of a suspicious person at 5:30 P.M. at the Office Depot located at 1240 Vine. Upon arrival we found Timothy once again. We contacted his parents who were overjoyed to be reunited with their wayward child. We do not have a photograph of Timothy as he was uncooperative.

On 2-18-13, our Officers found a woman down on the ground at Hollywood and Cahuenga. We know her as 'Rachael'. She was unconscious. It appeared that she had

fallen from the bus bench and struck her head. There was a trail of blood and her head was hanging over the curb and onto the street. We were afraid to move her due to the possibility of a neck injury. Our Officers called Paramedics and stood by to protect her until their arrival. They took her to the hospital. We saw Rachael back out on the street later in the week.

Since the beginning of this year we have been trying to assist the homeless Karalee as we feel she is at great risk. In an effort to locate Karalee's family members, wanna be Detective Kerry Morrison tracked her to Las Vegas Nevada. Using that information as a starting point, we were able to locate Karalee's sister in Boston. This in turn led us to Amie Quigley who is the Director of Community Ministries for the First Presbyterian Church in Hollywood. We learned that she was also trying to help.



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We quickly combined our efforts. We were able to be eyes and ears for Amie and to utilize our good rapport with Karalee to assist. There were the usual steps forward and steps back, but Karalee finally agreed to go home to Boston where her family could assist with her much needed treatment for mental illness and the related substance abuse. We sent her sister documentation of our encounters with Karalee in hopes that this would help steer her towards the proper treatment program.

On the evening of 2-28-13, Amie took Karalee to the downtown Greyhound Bus Terminal along with a ticket for the 2:00 A.M. bus to Boston. I later received a call from Karalee's sister Brenda in Boston. Karalee made it back, but is staying in a neighboring town. She told her mother that she is not ready to give up her alcohol. The family is trying to put together a plan to finally bring Karalee in out of the cold.

On 3-1-13, I attended a Hollywood 4WRD summit at the Hollywood Bowl. Kerry Morrison directed the meeting and there was a great turnout of Homeless Outreach Professionals. Lunch was catered by a new restaurant called Redemption. This is a business run by and staffed by ex-cons, recovering addicts and reformed trouble makers. The lunch was great and the employees made a positive impression.

An interesting side note involves how this luncheon came about. Our Sgt. Reyes and Officer Melvin discovered the restaurant while on foot patrol. They introduced themselves and stayed for lunch. They soon became regular customers. They told the staff about Kerry Morrison and advised that she just might be interested in supporting a worthy cause. Redemption Food representative contact Cornelius Edwards met with Kerry's staff who hired them on the spot to cater the summit.

On 3-4-13, we received a radio call from security at the Roosevelt Hotel located at 7000 Hollywood Blvd. They said that a young man was talking to Councilman Garcetti employee Angela Motta about getting a place to stay. Our officers then spoke to Justin. He looked very young and he was asked if his parents knew where he was. He said they did. We learned that he was 15 years old.

We contacted his mother (Patricia) who said he was a runaway and that she had filed a critical missing person report with the Burbank Police Department. She said that Justin is autistic and has the mental capacity of a ten year old. We stayed with Justin until his mother and Burbank Police Officer Armendariz arrived and took custody. Justin wanted to stay at the Hotel, but that was a non-starter.



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On 3-5-13, BID Guides Maki and Carlin called for assistance at 6421 Hollywood Blvd. They had contacted 71 year old Averey who was experiencing severe stomach pain. She was trying to get home, but the street closures were making this difficult for her. Officers Mooney and L. Salazar responded. The very frail Averey refused our offer to call Paramedics.

Our Officers did not want to leave her on the street, but were leery of transporting her to her residence near Orange and Franklin due to her medical condition. This could cause a huge liability issue for us. They solved the problem by hailing a cab and paying the fare. Our Officers do these types of deeds on a regular basis. I sometimes wish that we had a small contingency fund to cover such expenditures.

On 3-7-13, our Officers observed a woman down on the sidewalk at 6500 Yucca. She was surrounded by a group of people. A woman in the crowd said that she touched the woman to make sure she was breathing. The woman reacted by crying and screaming. The woman was wearing a hospital wrist band. We called Paramedics who responded and took her to the hospital.

On 3-8-13, our Officers received a radio call of a man sleeping on the east side of the W Hotel located at 6250 Hollywood Blvd. He was upset, but they were able to learn that his name is Duane. He claimed to be a Veteran and said he suffered a seizure earlier today. We called Paramedics and RA 27 (Dickenson/Rodriguez) responded. They said that he is a 'regular'. They said there was no evidence of seizure or stroke. They believed that he was suffering from alcohol withdraw. They took him to Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital.

### **ENFORCEMENT:**

In the Hollywood BID we have made a total of 121 arrests. Seventy three were for drinking in public, 13 for urinating in public, 10 for trespass, 1 for illegal vending, 3 for battery, 11 for blocking the sidewalk, 1 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 9 for felonies. We also made 115 homeless referrals, assisted 31 agencies, provided 257 foot beat patrols for a total of 315.3 hours, assisted 2723 citizens, handled 629 radio calls for service and made 1592 business contacts.

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 27 arrests. Fifteen were for drinking in public, 4 for urinating in public, 5 for trespass, 1 for theft and 2 for felonies. We also made 61 homeless referrals, assisted 23 agencies, provided 53 foot beat patrols for a total



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of 36.9 hours, assisted 970 citizens, handled 351 radio calls for service, and made 716 business contacts.

The combined arrest totals for both BIDS are 148 arrests. Eighty eight for drinking in public, 17 for urinating in public, 15 for trespass, 1 for illegal vending, 3 for battery, 11 for blocking the sidewalk, 1 for theft, 1 for miscellaneous misdemeanors and 11 for felonies. We also made a combined total of 176 homeless referrals, assisted 54 agencies, provided 310 foot beat patrols for a total of 352.2 hours, assisted 3693 citizens, handled 980 radio calls for service, and made 2308 business contacts.

### **NOTED ARRESTS:**

On 2-12-13, Officers Mooney and L. Salazar were on foot patrol in the 6200 block of Hollywood Blvd. when they heard shouting. They looked over and saw Justin approaching Christopher. Justin suddenly hit the unsuspecting victim Christopher on the side of the head with a skateboard. The victim fell to the ground unconscious.

Justin tried to leave the scene but was stopped by our Officers. He tried to pull away and was forced to the ground. Neither he nor our Officers were injured. Paramedics were called and they treated the victim for his head injury. The LAPD took custody of the suspect who was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

Justin panhandles in the area of Trader Joe's and we have had issues with him being violent in the past.

On 2-13-13, we again had an incident involving Justin. He took the walker from 61 year old Emery and destroyed it. He fled the scene on his skateboard. Emery said that Justin spits on him, dumps water on him and threatens to beat him up. We believe that Justin does not want Emery to panhandle on what he considers to be 'his spot'. LAPD responded and took a vandalism report.

We contacted Courtney Kanagi of PATH. She was able to respond with a brand new walker for Emery. He was happy as he said this new walker was much better than his old one.

On 2-13-13, we arrested Oliver for drinking in public at the Taglyn Cultural Center located at 1219 Vine. We had been asked to provide extra patrol at the location.

On 2-15-13, we received a radio call of a Battery at the Starbucks located at 6290 Hollywood Blvd. Manager Stephanie Tomasko said that Angenete came into the store complaining about a man sitting



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outside. When told there was nothing she could do about it, Angenete approached and said 'Do something about it bitch'. She then punched Stephanie in the nose and left the location.

We arrived and found the suspect walking on the Blvd. We took the victim to the

location and she positively identified her. We placed the suspect under arrest and turned her over to the LAPD.

On 2-25-13, we arrested Albert for drinking in public in the 1800 block of Cahuenga. He is a homeless man with many issues. We have reached out to him many times with mixed results.

On 2-26-13, we arrested him again at the same location and for the same crime. On 3-1-13, our Officer Kanagi and Sgt. McCall found Albert lying on the sidewalk at 1743 Cahuenga. He had a knot over his eye and he claimed that his girlfriend had beaten him. They asked him to leave and he complied.

The Officers contacted Albert again two hours later. He had a shopping cart that needed to be returned to CVS Pharmacy. He said he could not walk without it and he was using it as a walker. Our Officers then went to the Church of the Blessed Sacrament and got a real walker for him. They gave it to him and he was happy, for the moment.

On 3-2-13, Pla Boy Liquor's Manager David told us that Albert had attacked him. He declined to prosecute. On 3-3-13, we received another call from Pla Boy Liquor regarding a battery. Upon arrival we learned that Mary Farrell and Marc Gasper were walking past the location when they were attacked by Albert. He hit Farrell in the chest and hit Gasper twice in the body. We handcuffed a resistant Hayes and called the LAPD who responded and took custody.

Our Officers were forced to repossess the walker from Hayes as he was now using it as a weapon. This case illustrates our tough love approach. Even as we arrest Albert to solve an immediate problem, we continue to reach out and attempt to build a positive rapport with him. This relationship may well give us the necessary leverage to nudge Albert to accept much needed substance abuse and other services on some future occasion.

On 2-28-13, at about 1:35 P.M., we arrested Jesus for urinating in front of a tour bus at 6381 Hollywood Blvd. Not exactly the sight we



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wanted to share with our visiting tourists. We arrested him again a couple of hours later drinking in public in the 1700 block of Cahuenga.

On 3-4-13, our Officers conducted a business check at the McDonalds located at 6776 Hollywood Blvd. Manager Josue approached and asked if we could help by asking two people to leave. Both were sleeping at a table. Our Officers asked the couple to leave. As suspect David rose, he stretched, revealing a knife hidden on his waistband. He said 'That's for my protection'. He was placed under arrest for possession of a concealed weapon. LAPD responded, took custody and booked him.

### **DEPLOYMENT:**

Our traditional hours are from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. We are currently six weeks into a thirteen week trial period of working until 10:00 P.M. This only effects Thursday, Friday

and Saturday. On those days we adjusted our hours to work 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. This had the effect of depriving us of our 6:00 A.M. homeless wake up car.

Starting on 3-8-13, we again started covering 6:00 A.M. Through the use of staggered shifts, we have been able to adapt. There are always trade-offs and this is stretching our man-power. We are compiling data that will be presented to the BID Board so that can determine our optimal deployment.

### **TRAINING UPDATE:**

During this period our Officers received live fire range training, Sexual Harassment, Driver's Training and Legal Update.



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